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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Jeremy R. Severson
Daiju YOSHINO	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3653
Application No.: 10/826,314	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 9821
Filed: April 19, 2004	)	
	:	June 18, 2007
For: SHEET PROCESSING APPARATUS AND	)	
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	:	

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for taking further action one (1) additional month, from May 20, 2007, up to and including June 20, 2007. The \$120.00 fee for the extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is being paid electronically. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Further to the response to the Official Action dated February 20, 2007, filed May 21, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: